

Chapter 1: Introduction to Volume II

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This chapter provides the background and outline of Volume II of the *2016 South Florida Environmental Report* (SFER), which has been prepared in accordance with Chapter 2005-36, Laws of Florida, and Subsection 373.036(7), Florida Statutes (F.S.). Whereas Volumes I and III of the 2016 SFER focus on the reports unique to the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD or District), Volume II comprises state-mandated reports that Florida's five water management districts are required to prepare annually. These reports document the SFWMD's progress in implementing plans developed to address areas of responsibility on a regional or districtwide basis. Within this volume, SFWMD also exercises the option of completing an annual work plan report, currently referred to as the Fiscal and Performance Accountability Report, Fiscal Year 2014-2015: Fourth Quarter (Chapter 2), in lieu of a district water management plan annual report.

VOLUME II CONTENT

In the 2016 SFER, Volume II unifies seven reports organized into the following chapters.

- **Chapter 2: Fiscal and Performance Accountability Report, Fiscal Year 2014-2015: Fourth Quarter Report.** In accordance with Subparagraph 373.036(2)(e)4, F.S., this document serves the purpose of an annual work plan report. SFWMD tracks and manages agency performance by linking long-term strategic priorities, annual budgets, and performance metrics reporting. This report serves to evaluate District performance for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 (October 1, 2014–September 30, 2015). The report also serves as the 4th Quarter Report of the SFWMD's Fiscal Year 2014-2015 operational status.
- **Chapter 3: 2016 Priority List and Schedule.** Per Subsection 373.042(2), F.S., this chapter is the District's annual update for the minimum flows and levels as well as water reservations and restricted allocation area rules, including rules in effect during Calendar Year 2015 and priorities and schedule for developing new rules planned from Calendar Years 2016 to 2020.
- **Chapter 4: Five-Year Capital Improvements Plan.** In accordance with Subparagraph 373.536(6)(a)4, F.S., this chapter is the annual report of the District's capital projects, covering all the agency's programs. It includes project-level detail and shows projected expenditures and corresponding funding sources for the next five-year period, Fiscal Year 2015-2016 through Fiscal Year 2019-2020.
- **Chapter 5A: Five-Year Water Resource Development Work Program.** In accordance with Subparagraph 373.536(6)(a)4, F.S., this chapter provides the projected five-year (Fiscal Year 2015-2016 through Fiscal Year 2019-2020) annual report describing the SFWMD implementation strategy and funding plan for the water resource, water supply, and alternative water supply development components of the agency's regional water supply plans.

- **Chapter 5B: Alternative Water Supply Annual Report.** Pursuant to Section 373.707, F.S., this chapter contains the annual report summarizing the alternative water supply projects funded by SFWMD for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 and projections for Fiscal Year 2015-2016. It includes the quantity of water made available, agency funding, and total cost.
- **Chapter 6: Florida Forever Work Plan, 2016 Annual Update.** This chapter is the annual update on current projects eligible for funding under the Florida Forever Act (Section 259.105, F.S.) for land acquisition, water resource development, stormwater management, waterbody restoration, recreational facility construction, public access improvements, and invasive plant control. It summarizes acquisitions that occurred in Fiscal Year 2014-2015.
- **Chapter 7: Mitigation Donation Annual Report.** Per Subparagraph 373.414(1)(b)2, F.S., this chapter is the annual status report on the mitigation funds for two mitigation projects, the Corkscrew Regional Ecosystem Watershed and Pennsuco Regional Mitigation Area. It includes funds received as mitigation for wetland impacts and monies received by the District as a result of other agencies' permit requirements. It also summarizes mitigation fund expenditures for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 and those projected for Fiscal Year 2015-2016.

CONSOLIDATED PROJECT REPORT DATABASE

As part of the 2016 SFER, a comprehensive database of project descriptions is also included to streamline the agency's process and project-related reporting. Specifically, the Consolidated Project Report Database allows projects to be described once comprehensively, and provides efficiencies in project description, information gathering, compilation, review, printing, and distribution. Now in its eleventh year, this database is designed to facilitate single SFWMD project or process descriptions that make up implementation strategies referenced in the 2016 SFER. Descriptive project and process data are stored in the database that can be accessed and queried. Drop-down menu and sorting options are available for added efficiency. The Consolidated Project Report Database is available on the District's website at www.sfwmd.gov/SFER, under SFER Reports. The database fields include the following project or process attributes.

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| • Year | • Legislative Reference |
| • Project Title | • Land Requirements |
| • Expected Completion Month/Year | • End Products |
| • Last Day the Project Was Updated | • Associated Projects |
| • Activity Type | • Major Milestones Completed in Last Fiscal Year |
| • Project Manager | • Milestones in Next Fiscal Year |
| • Project Objective | • Project Performance Measures |
| • Physical Description | • Resource Performance Measures |
| • Project History | • Alternative(s) |
| • Project Description | • Major Uncertainties |
| • Lead Agency | • Total Project Cost |
| • Lead Program | • Expenditures in Last Fiscal Year |
| • Lead SFWMD Organization | • 5 Year Financial Summary |
| • Related Programs | • Fund Source |
| • State Reporting Category | • Project Partners |
| • Street Address | • Area of Responsibility |
| • Counties | • Chapter References |
| • Regions | • Florida Forever Goal |
| • Project Type | • Florida Forever Performance Measures |
| • Affected Water Bodies | |